

REMARKS

This amendment is in partial response to the Notice of Omitted Item(s) in a Nonprovisional Application mailed February 25, 2004. That Notice indicated that page 5 of the original specification was missing from the application as filed in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on October 15, 2003. Also filed herewith are a petition with a showing indicating that the page in question was included with the filing of the application and a supplemental declaration by the inventor with an attached copy of the page.

In the event that the showing indicating that the page in question was included with the filing of the application, this amendment is made for the purpose of preserving the original filing date. Specifically, as an inspection of page 5 attached to the inventor's supplemental declaration will show, the matter found to be omitted from the application as originally filed is not material to the disclosure of the invention under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph. This material consists of (1) a further elaboration on the summary of the invention, (2) a brief description of the drawings and the heading therefor, and (3) the beginning introduction of the detailed description of the preferred embodiment and the heading therefor. As to item (3), the beginning introduction amounts to half a sentence. If this amendment is entered, item (1) would be omitted, the summary of the invention on page 4 of the application being sufficient. This amendment adds items (2) and (3), which do not constitute new matter.

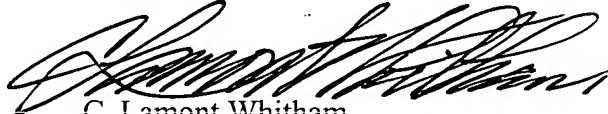
Based on the foregoing explanation, entry of this amendment is provisionally requested only in the event that the showing made in the petition is found not sufficient that the page in question was not included in the original filing.

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Respectfully submitted,

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